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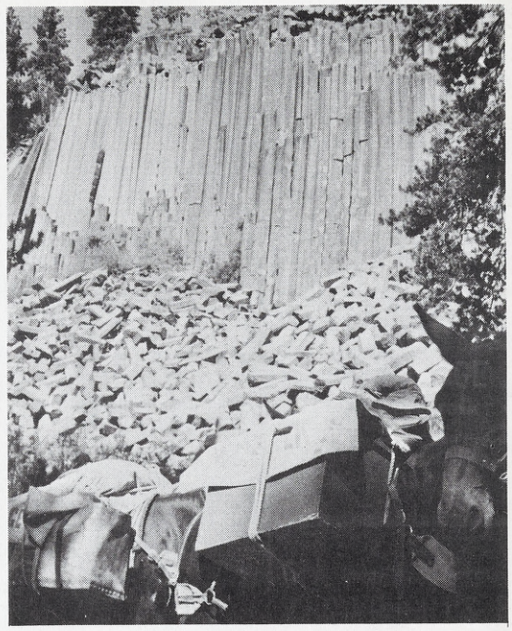
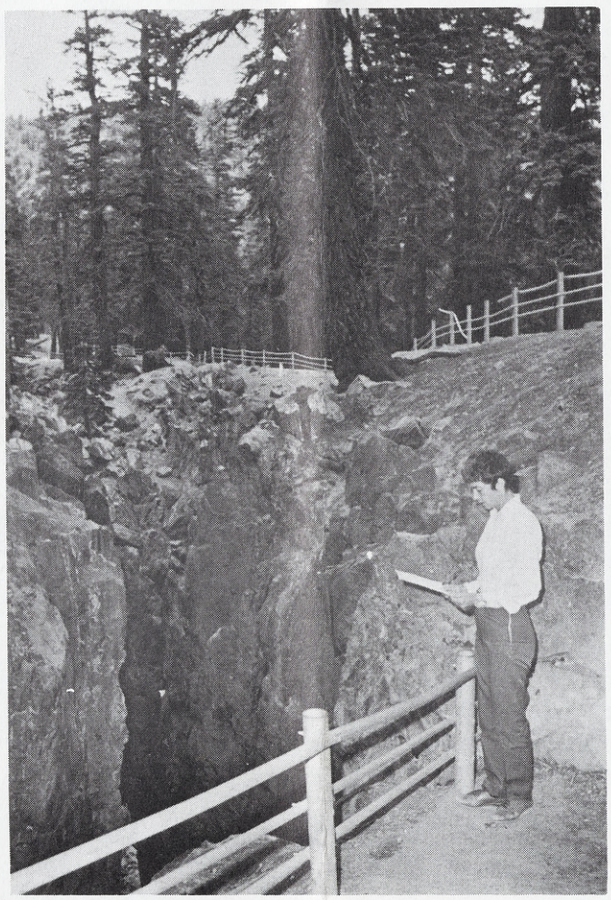
Pack animals pause near Garnett Lake during a trip on the John Muir Trail, which intersects the lake. Located near the southeastern boundary of Yosemite National Park, Garnett is reached from Red's Meadow and is one of the most popular lakes in the Mammoth back-country.



Devil's Postpile National Monument, a National Park Service outpost in the heart of the Inyo National Forest, is a half-mile walk from Red's Meadow. A parking area is provided.



June Lake, head lake in the June Lake Loop, lies about 12 miles north of Mammoth Lakes via U. S. 395 and SR 158. Fishing and swimming are popular at June.

The earth-building activities that created the Sierra Nevada left earthquake faults throughout the Eastern Sierra. Among the most prominent is this fault which extends, in fragments, from Mammoth Lakes to Mono Lake. An information center, just off the Minaret Summit road, tells its history. Following heavy winters, snow will remain in the fault's deepest crevices through the summer.

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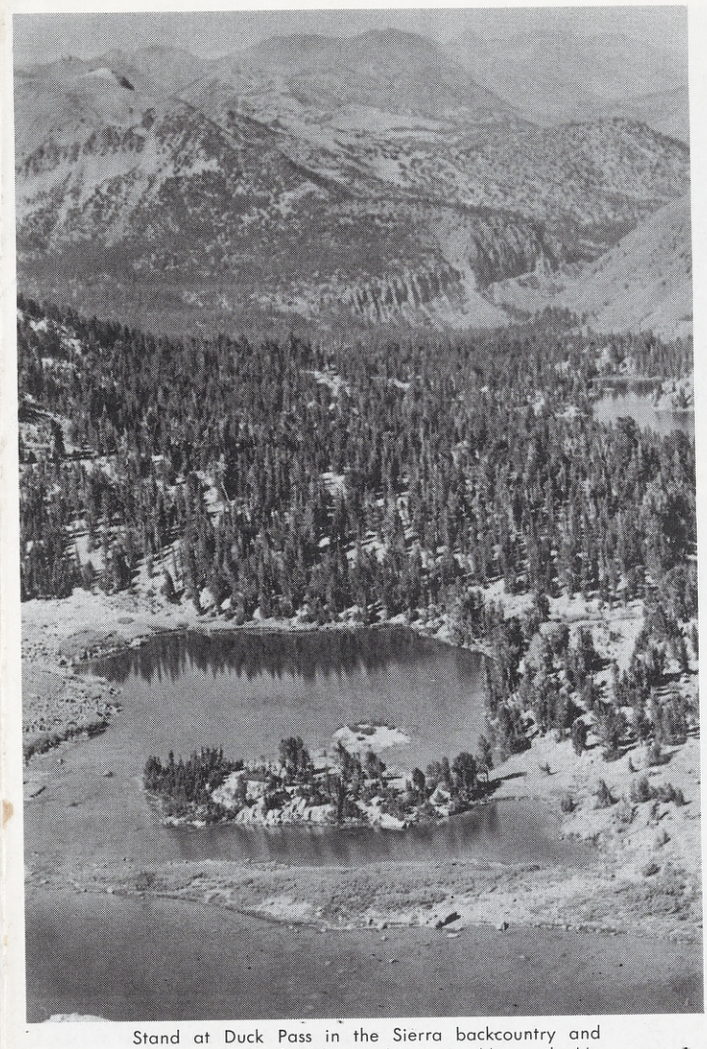
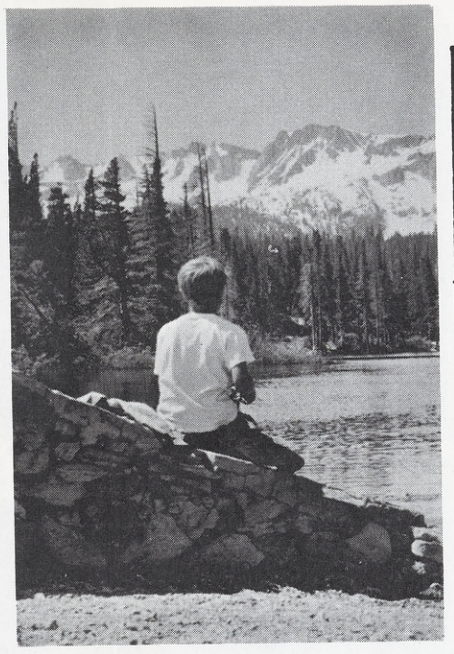


Stand at Duck Pass in the Sierra backcountry and you can look directly northwest to Mammoth Mt. (center); an extinct volcano which is now the training ground for some of the best skiers in the world.



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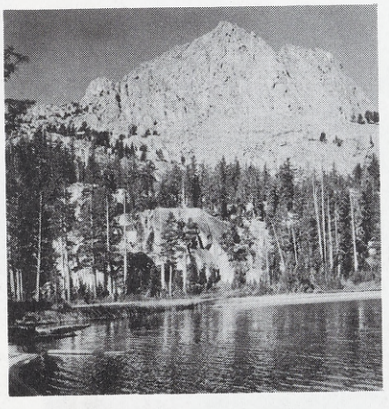
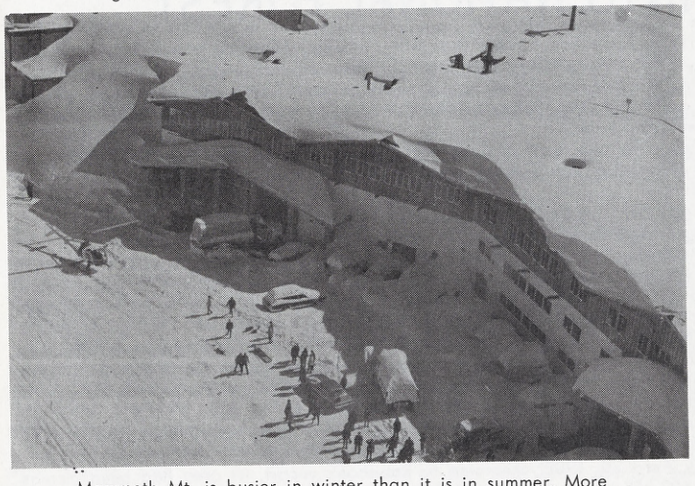
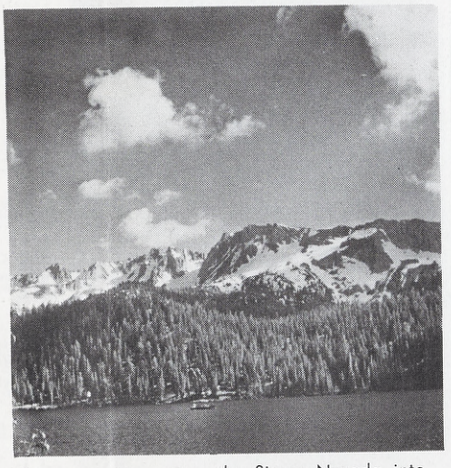




Mammoth Mt. is busier in winter than it is in summer. More than 5,000 skiers have ridden the lifts on a single weekend, and the figure rises each year. Expansion goes onward and upward and so does the caliber of Olympic-level skiers who train at Mammoth.



Snow sometimes caps the Sierra Nevada into late summer, melting slowly to create clear mountain lakes that provide rest and recreation for the tired visitor from the big city.

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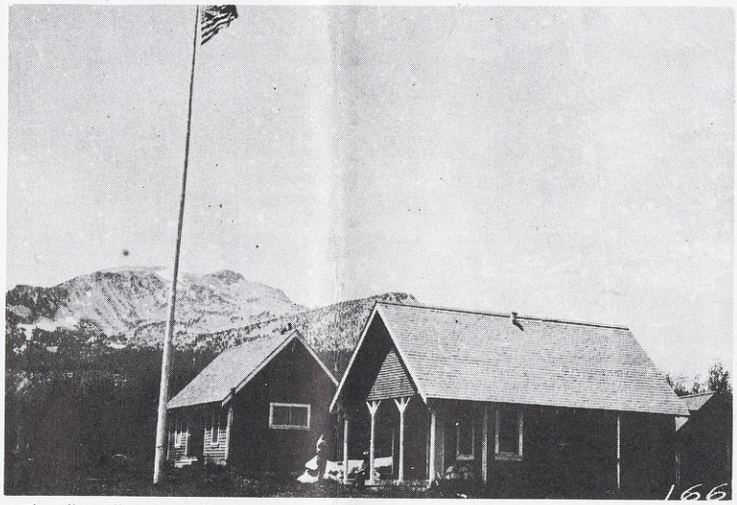
Pictured here is the first one gallon gas pump at the Old Mammoth Camp in 1922. Manning the pump is Fred Brooks.



The flag flies proudly in front of the original ranger station at Mammoth Lakes. The picture was taken in 1917.

Jeffrey Pine forest

Picnic grounds such as this account for growing number of visitor days use each year on the Inyo National Forest.

Picturesque herds of sheep are a familiar sight up and down the length of the Inyo National Forest during the summer months.

INYO NATIONAL FOREST

The Inyo National Forest has come a long way since it was first created in 1907 . . . not only in physical size but in resources and services.

In the early days forest service personnel were concerned mainly with grazing matters and forest fires. Today they are involved in administering a complex program based on multiple use.

Last year, for example, the Inyo National Forest recorded 5,012,000 visitor days, a staggering figure when compared to the handful of visitors at the turn of the century.

Last year the budget for the Inyo National Forest was $1,683,200. In 1911 the entire budget for the year was $15,094.

According to a comprehensive report by the late Douglas Robinson, district ranger, the Inyo National Forest was created by a proclamation of President Roosevelt, mostly from Owens Valley lands, on May 25, 1907 and contained 221,324 acres. Today it contains 1,891,344 acres.

The first step toward the preservation of the nation's resources on the west coast came in 1893 when the Federal government created the Sierra Timber Reserve. It contained more than four million acres and included the major part of the eastern slope that is now within the Inyo National Forest.

Robinson noted that the Dept. of Agriculture took over the Sierra Forest Reserve, naming it the Sierra National Forest.

By April 20, 1908, according to Robinson's report, its area had been increased to 6,602,353 acres, much too large and unwieldly for satisfactory management.

The Inyo was reorganized by executive order in 1908 and 1,350,537 acres were transferred from the Sierra National Forest. This included the Magruder Mountain area around Lida, Nev.

Robinson notes that the Inyo National Forest took in much of the floor of

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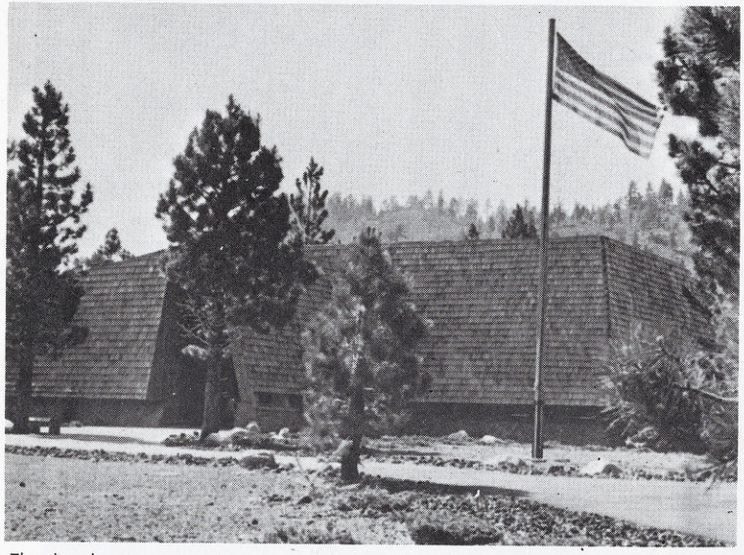
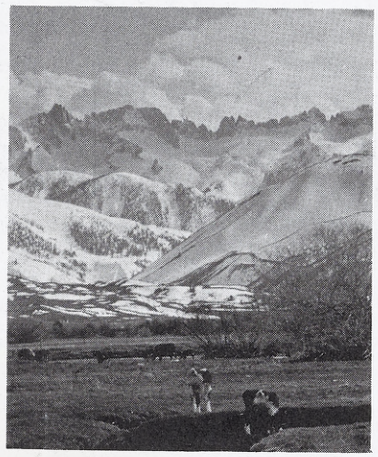
Handsome signs such as this point out to the many visitors that this, indeed, is one of America s favorite playgrounds.

Pictured here is one of the many interpretive centers which the Forest Service has placed at strategic spots throughout the area.



The handsome new visitor center at Mammoth Lakes officially dedicated at ceremonies July 26.



Cattle graze in front of a backdrop of snow covered mountains.

Owens Valley to protect the Los Angeles aqueduct then under construction. In 1911 most of the valley land was eliminated.

He reported the forest was put under separate administration July 1, 1908, with A. H. Hogue from the Sierra National Forest, as supervisor. At this time the forest not only included a great deal of the White Mt. area, it also included the Magruder Mountain area near Lida, Nev.

Most of the Owens Valley land was eliminated in 1911 and at many points the boundary was put back to the base of the steep slopes of the White Mountains and the Sierra Range.

Chester Jordan, assistant supervisor on the Sierra National Forest, was named the second supervisor for Inyo and remained in that position until Jan. 1, 1920. Tom Jones was then named supervisor and remained in charge until March 12, 1926 when he moved to a northern forest and Roy Boothe, also a deputy supervisor from the Sierra, took over the Inyo. Supervisors who followed included Floyd Iverson, Eldon Ball, Wilfred Davis, Neil Rahm, and the present supervisor Joe Radel.

Today the Inyo includes three wilderness areas involving 314,857 acres. It contains 25 resorts, four organization camps, 91 public campgrounds with 10,483 family units. It boasts the world's oldest living things, the ancient Bristlecone pines, the highest mountain peak in the continental United States, the southern most active glacier in the United States, as well as the largest sagebrush ever found.

Within the Inyo National Forest boundaries are 900 lakes and 460 miles of trout streams. Last year the California Dept. of Fish and Game planted more than 183 tons of catchable size trout within this vast vacationland. Deer hunters annually harvest about 2400 Inyo mule deer. Upland game such as chukar partridge, mountain quail and rabbits abound.

The Inyo is one of the most popular forests in the nation and it is growing in popularity each year.

One of the many popular sights to see on the Inyo is the fascinating earthquake fault on the Minaret road leading to the Mammoth Mt. Chairlifts.

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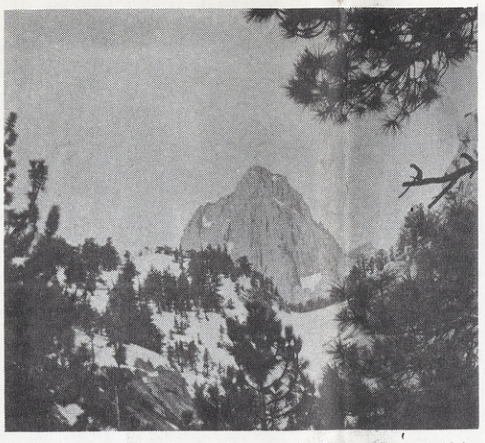
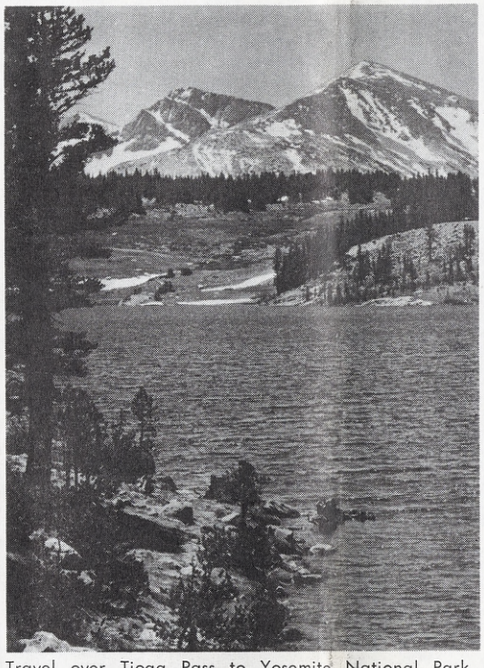
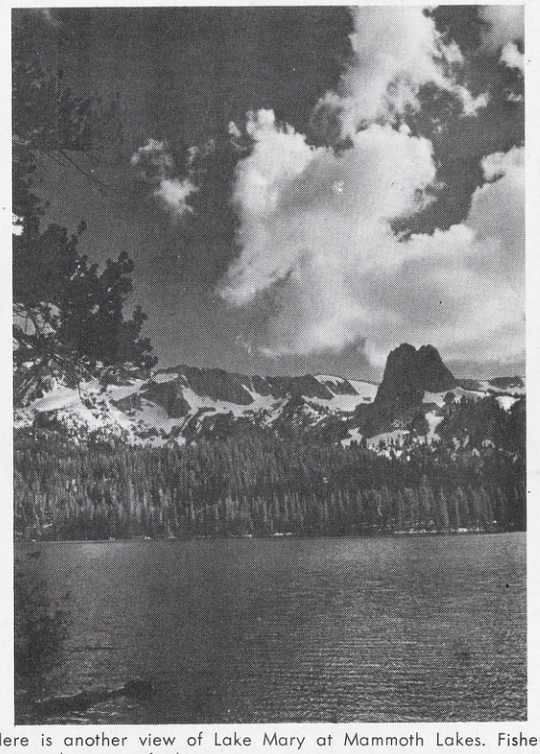


Each year hundreds of hikers climb to the 14,496 ft. summit of Mt. Whitney one of Inyo National Forest's famous landmarks.

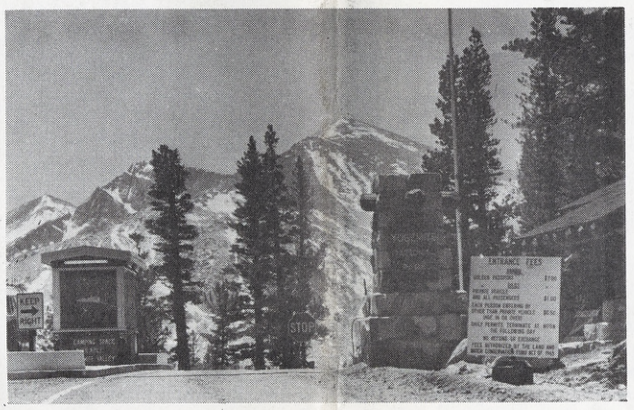
This sign marks the entrance to the John Muir Wilderness, one of three in the Inyo National Forest. It means NO VEHICLES.



Travel over Tioga Pass to Yosemite National Park has increased tremendously, thanks to the new road.



Here is another view of Lake Mary at Mammoth Lakes. Fishermen and campers find it inviting.



Pictured here is the east entrance to Yosemite National Park on the Tioga Pass road. Visitors come from all over the world.

Here is the sign pointing the way to the lakes in the Duck Pass area. They provide plenty of fishing.

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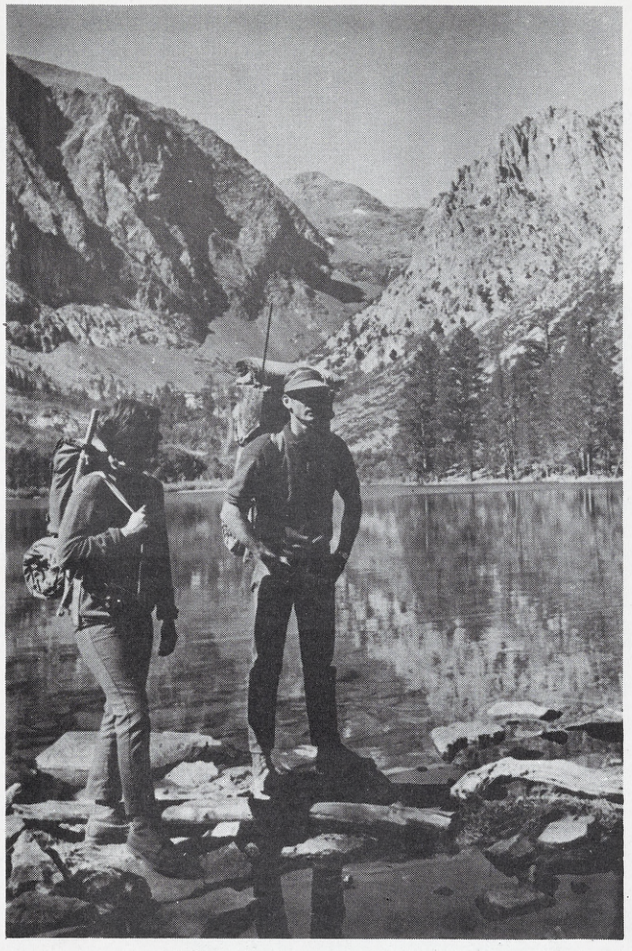

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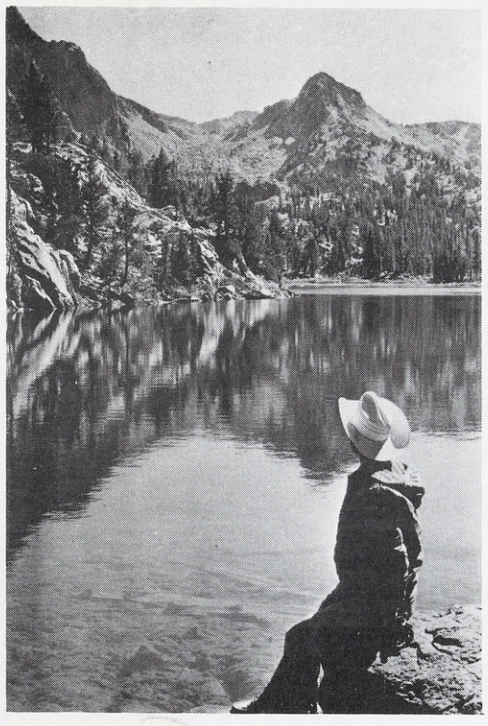

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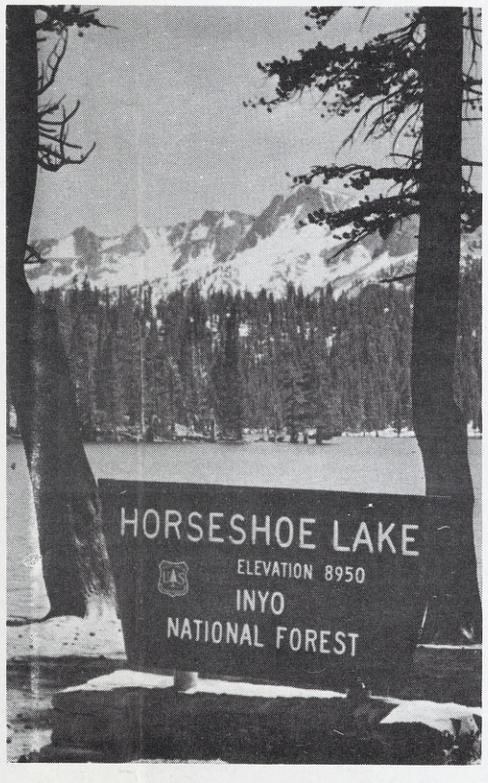
One of the most famous landmarks in the Mammoth Lakes area is Rainbow Falls. It is a favorite spot for the photographers.



Pictured here is the sign at Horseshoe Lake. The beautiful lake is not only popular with the fishermen it also attracts a lot of swimmers, even though the water is a little cold.

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Here is a picture of the spectacular falls which flows from Lake Mamie into Twin Lakes at Mammoth.

Here is a group of anglers fishing off the bridge at Twin Lakes at Mammoth. The lakes are regularly planted by the Dept. of Fish and Game.

Here is a picture of Lake Mary, one of the most popular of the Mammoth Lakes. It provides plenty of good camping and fishing during the summer.

Last year the Inyo National Forest recorded 5,012,000 visitor days. Inviting lakes such as this provide an answer to the area's popularity.

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